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All the tinctures are supplied by Messrs. Travancore Sugars and Chemicals. Now there are many pending bills for payment. For this purpose an additional allotment of Rs. 50,000 is required. In regard to bedding and clothing Rs. 5,000 will be required for the rest of the year. The rise in the expenditure is due to the general increase in the cost of piece goods and also on the increase in the number of patients. Further the Tuberculosis hospital, Nagercoil, had to be supplied with bedding and clothing early this year. In regard to travelling allowance there is only a small sum left to meet the T. A. for the remaining portion of the year and a sum of Rs. 200 is required for that purpose. I request that these amounts may be sanctioned.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know, apart from the item Travelling Allowance, whether the purchase has been made?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVIII—CURRENCY AND MINT.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1400—under demand "XXVIII—Currency and Mint". To ease the situation caused by the shortage of small coins power-driven coin presses were installed at the local mint to mint a large stock of copper blanks received recently from Bombay. A sum of Rs. 1,400 is required for payment of charges on this account, Rs. 800 for the erection of the presses, Rs. 500 for electrical energy and Rs. 100 for gunny bags for the transport of the coins from the mint to the Treasury. I request that the additional grant may be allowed.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know when we can get rid of the shortage of small coins?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: In about three months.

PRESIDENT: Our silver coins were of a greater degree of fineness and contained more silver than any other silver coins in British India. As a result, they were melted and hoarded. With regard to copper coins too, as they contained more copper, they were melted and hoarded so that it became profitable to many electrical undertakings. What we have done is to make it impossible or uneconomic for anybody to melt down our copper coins and we are minting it with the object that the people will not begin to hoard copper coins.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXX—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction and President Economic Development Board*): I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 1,500—under "XXX—Miscellaneous Departments" towards the additional expenditure under travelling allowances for the Economic Development Board. The amount already granted is Rs. 2,250—and of this amount only a balance of Rs. 11—is available for further payment, while 8 bills to the total amount of Rs. 557—is still pending and one more meeting has to be held towards the end of the year. It is to meet this expenditure that I beg to move this supplementary grant.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

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